



15th ANNUAL DINNER OF BRIDGE CLUB DRAWS RECORD ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Miller and State Highway Engineer Noble Among Prominent Speakers

A casual visitor to Newark's Hotel Robert Treat might have mistaken the gathering on the evening of February 26th for a full fledged convention rather than the 15th annual dinner of the Bridge Division Club, so large was the attendance at the affair.

Each year this organization has made it a point to set the pace in affairs of this nature, and to say that the most recent was a success is putting it mildly.

Club president Sven Hedin presented State Highway Engineer Charles M. Noble to the gathering which was made up of Highway employees from all divisions as well as men associated with highway construction. Mr. Noble stressed the need of teamwork on the part of the Department, as well as contractors and material men, in successfully undertaking the great building program ahead. He felt that the new parkway and freeway program offered the most unusual opportunity for searching out new and better methods of doing things.

Emphasizes Bridges

Morris Goodkind, Bridge Engineer, and a past master at the art of understatement, was assigned the honor of presenting Commissioner Miller to the gathering. Mr. Miller spoke with enthusiasm of the tremendous job to be done in the next five years. He called particular attention to the new arterial routes which must be provided to relieve the ever increasing traffic congestion of many urban areas, as well as the work of bringing New Jersey back to its position of leadership through the construction of parkways and freeways.

In keeping with the occasion, the Commissioner stated that the Bridge Division has an unparalleled opportunity to distinguish itself in the design and construction of bridges that "are not only efficient but which will even more

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Road Conference Discusses Plans For Coming Year

Attendance Limited to Key Officials; A. Lee Grover Re-elected Secretary

This year's conference of Association of Highway Officials of the North Atlantic States in contrast to the large conventions of pre-war years was strictly a directors' conference. It remained in session from February 28 until March 1 and was quartered in the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City.

Among the more important matters discussed at the various sessions were: 1. The post-war highway construction plans of the member states for 1946; 2. The national standards for truck weights; 3. Financing.

Commissioner Miller and State Highway Engineer Noble spoke before the convention and Messrs. Eugene V. Connett, Edward W. Kilpatrick, Harold W. Giffin, Alex. W. Muir, Morris Goodkind and Edward E. Reed took part in round-table discussions.

The unusual honor of being elected Secretary of the Association of Highway Officials of the North Atlantic States for the twenty-second consecutive year was conferred upon Mr. A. Lee Grover at this conference. In fact, this organization has known no other secretary since its inception. As usual, arrangements for this conference, as in the years past, were handled by Mr. Grover, and ably assisted by Kenneth Rice.

Employees Should Request Hearing Thru Own Division

New Directive Calls Attention to Correct Procedure Scheduling Compensation Hearings

Past experience has shown that employees of the Department who have been injured seriously enough to be entitled to a hearing before the Workmen's Compensation Bureau are not aware of the correct procedure to follow in obtaining such a hearing and at the same time safeguard their rights to be reimbursed for loss of time involved in attending these hearings.

Because of the lack of knowledge regarding the manner in which hearings are to be scheduled before the Workmen's Compensation Bureau, Mr. Eugene V. Connett issued a directive which is printed herewith in its entirety. By following the directions contained in this directive employees will insure that no loss of pay will be suffered for time lost in attending hearings before the Bureau. At the same time every employee entitled thereto will be given a fair hearing before an impartial tribunal.

DIRECTIVE TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Employees of this Department are hereby notified that in the event any employee sustains a personal injury arising out of and in the course of his employment with the Department and such employee desires a hearing before the Workmen's Compensation Bureau of the New Jersey Department of Labor on the ground

(a) that the injury has resulted in permanent disability or

(b) that further treatment is required in addition to that which has already been authorized by the Department.

The employee must request of his Division head that such a hearing be called by the Highway Department. If the employee files a request for a hearing directly with the Department of Labor without making a prior request for a hearing to his own Division head, then attendance at the hearing by the employee may result in loss of pay for the time spent by him in such attendance at the hearing.

EUGENE V. CONNETT
Executive Assistant to
the State Highway
Commissioner

Find Body of Corliss

The body of Stacy Corliss, formerly employed in the maintenance crew of Assistant Foreman Joseph Reed, who had been the object of a widespread search by local, county and state police since he disappeared from his home at 221 Hvers Street, Toms River, January 18th, was found on a sand bar in Toms River on Thursday, February 21st.

Mr. Corliss, who had been in the employ of the Maintenance Division for the eight years, was 54 years of age and is survived by his wife and several children. To them we extend every sympathy.

Highway Safety Conference

The President of the United States, in response to a growing public concern about fatalities on our highways, has called a National Highway Safety Conference in Washington on May 8, 9 and 10. To this Conference members of Congress, State and Municipal officials, together with the representatives of local and national organizations now actively engaged in this work, have been invited.

When this Conference assembles in the Departmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue on May 8 to formulate a plan to reduce the high toll of life on our highways, it will represent a mobilization of the public and private agencies most particularly concerned with this matter of reducing traffic fatalities. The New Jersey State Highway Department will be represented at that Conference and will participate in the deliberations.

New Jersey has a definite contribution to make on the subject of Highway Safety as a result of improvements in highway design on some of our main highways. A recent study of the "Before and After" accident experience on the state highways of New Jersey, which have been dualized, for example, reveals very conclusively the effect of this practice of "Highway Modernization" upon the accident fatality rate. The study covers ten years from 1935 to 1944 showing before and after accident experience for the dualization of all 3-lane and 4-lane undivided roads. These roads are all heavily travelled with 1941 average day volumes varying from 13,000 to 41,000 cars per day. They include 6.25 miles of Route No. 4 from River Edge to Fort Lee, 16.79 miles of Route 25 (U. S. No. 1) from New Brunswick to Linden, 4.92 miles of Route No. 26 (U. S. No. 1) in Lawrence Township, and 19.67 miles of Route No. 29 (U. S. No. 22) from Bound Brook to Hillside. The total mileage is 47.63 miles. These roads were dualized in 1938, 1939 and 1940.

The study demonstrates conclusively that the fatality rate can be reduced by improved highway design. Dualization has been responsible for the reduction of 42% of the fatality rate; grade separations 37% and the remaining 21% can only be reduced by an increase in education and enforcement. As we embark upon our post-war program, the factor of highway safety will become an increasingly important one and should be a part of all of our planning for the future.

When, however, all of the improvements have been made on design and construction, there still remains the human factor. The carelessness, indifference or irresponsibility of the driver, and at times the mechanical defects of the vehicle cause accidents. To overcome these human or mechanical defects is not the responsibility of the highway builder. But what this Conference will undoubtedly emphasize is that if we are to end this appalling and mounting number of fatalities on our highways that we must have the continuing cooperation of all of us to win this battle for safety on our highways. The highway designers and builders are pledged to do their part.

Spencer Miller, Jr.
State Highway Commissioner

NEW HIGHWAY MAPS WILL BE READY ABOUT MAY 1st WILL INCLUDE MANY FEATURES

The first State Highway road map to make its appearance since 1941 is now ready for printing and advanced copies should be available for distribution on or before May 1.

The new map will have a 4-color face on which will appear all State Highways as well as principal county and municipal roads, and unimproved connecting roads.

Besides this, this map will once again show the operating railroads in the State, a practice which was discontinued for several years. The locations of State forests and parks, historic sites, airports and State Police Stations are other

features which will make this an outstanding map.

On the back will appear an index of over 1,500 principal cities, towns, boroughs, villages and places in New Jersey, as well as a complete listing of all State Parks, State Forests and historic sites. A mileage table shows distances between the centers of principal cities and towns throughout the State.

Of particular interest will be the new large scale map of the New Jersey metropolitan area. In addition to this, there are detailed maps of the cities of Trenton and Camden which show all main traffic arteries.

Appear in Person When Requesting Numerical Rating

Written Inquiries Will Not Be Recognized Under Civil Service Rule

In the last issue of THE HIGHWAY there appeared an article dealing with the use of adjective ratings and their relation to numerical efficiency rating marks. In the article it was stated that individual rating marks "could be obtained from the Civil Service Commission upon application."

As a result of this, several employees have written to that Commission requesting their numerical marks. These written requests have in turn been referred to the Highway Department for reply.

Since this procedure is not in conformity with the law and since it would place a burden upon the Highway Department in the event many such requests were received, it should be understood that all applications for marks must be made to the Civil Service Commission in person.

For the purpose of complete clarification, that part of the Civil Service Rule 57 which applies in such cases is quoted: "... any employee upon application to the Chief Examiner and Secretary at any time during working hours may inspect his own service ratings and those of other employees in the same class ..."

Therefore, if you are interested in obtaining your numerical marks, application should be made in person and not through the mails.

Plans Go Forward For New Capitol

State House Annex May Also "Spread Its Wings"

The proposed State office building program took a new turn recently with the announcement that changes in the original plans, and increased labor and material costs would, in all probability, result in an expenditure of about \$12,000,000, instead of the original estimate of \$10,000,000.

The first unit which it is proposed to construct, would be on the site of the former Roebling mansion and adjoining properties, and would consist of an 11-story structure on the front, and, taking advantage of the slope of the land at the back of the building facing Stacy Park, would have 13 stories at the rear. Four wings would radiate from a central section containing the elevators and other service facilities.

Plans for a second new building between the State House and Willow Street, as discussed in the early stages, have been dropped. As a result, the substitute plan brings about an opportunity for the State House Annex to spread out and expand. First, the State House would be razed. An additional four wings would then be added to the Annex, two of which would parallel State Street from the upper and lower sides of the building over the site of the razed Capitol.

The gold dome of the Capitol, landmark since the construction of the State House prior to the Civil War, would be shifted during the razing process toward Willow Street. Around it a new Capitol would be built to house the Executive and Legislative branches of the State government.

The status of the School of Industrial Arts building, at the corner of Willow and State Streets, has not been definitely settled at this state of the project, but all intervening buildings will be eliminated, with only the Old Barracks, of Revolutionary fame, remaining undisturbed.

Governor Edge, in promoting the sweeping reconstruction, had

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RED CROSS DRIVE

Perhaps you have already made your annual contribution to the Red Cross, and in so doing have given to the most of your ability. This would be in the true tradition of public employees. If such is the case, then this is not for you. But if you are one of the few who makes merely a token contribution each year, or who conjures up reasons for not putting your financial shoulder to the wheel—then it might be well to consider the following facts.

On countless Pacific islands, at a thousand dreary European outposts, in almost every country of the world, the American Red Cross will put your dollars to work for humanity. Should the 1946 campaign goal be unmet, someone is bound to feel it. Perhaps it will be a wailing Philippino infant, or a hollow-cheeked Belgian child—or maybe it will be one of our own boys walking guard on some lonely Japanese road. It may be an erstwhile husky Marine, now fighting valiantly to regain his health in a West Coast Naval hospital, or a soldier learning to walk on new legs right here in Atlantic City. These are but a few of the people your dollars will aid.

Maybe when you look back on that contribution of yours in the weeks ahead it will seem awfully trivial in the face of the job to be done. Maybe you have a little bigger stake in this campaign than you ever thought before. If so, contact your own particular collector and give him what you think a cause as worthy as this one deserves. You'll feel a whole lot better about the whole thing.

MUCH NEEDED CONSTRUCTION

State employees will note with more than passing interest, plans now underway to provide modern office facilities for the many departments, bureaus and agencies which today comprise the governmental structures of the great State of New Jersey. They, more than anyone else, must surely realize that the day has long since passed when scattered units of an organization can operate with efficiency. Overcrowded and remote offices afford poor conditions under which to carry on the business of the State.

The State Highway Department might well be cited as a typical example of how once adequate office facilities have been reduced by gradual encroachments of other State departments. In 1929 this important agency occupied three floors of the then new State House Annex. Today, with an increased personnel, necessitated by enlarged building programs, this department is largely confined to two floors, with an overflow housed in converted residences, or "doubled up" under insufferably crowded conditions.

The lot of those who work in the semi-twilight of the pre-Civil War State House is even worse. There amid the "grandeur" of heavy oak paneling and ancient recessed windows they endeavor to overcome the atmosphere of another age while they perform the functions of modern government. It would be difficult, indeed, to imagine any who will mourn the passing of the sick Old Lady, who has outlived her usefulness, for from the tip of her gold dome to the depths of her musty catacombs she is antiquated and creaking. It is most appropriate that a suitable successor should rise from her original site and gather the brood of scattered offices back with the confines of a modern edifice. Governor Edge and those who have worked with him to this end are to be congratulated.

NEW CAPITOL

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asked for \$6,000,000 in his budget message. An increase to \$7,000,000 has been requested by Reeve Schley, building commission chairman, to provide for a power and heating plant to serve the entire group of buildings and the War Memorial Building as well.

Your
**RED
CROSS**
must carry on!

CONSTRUCTION COMMENTS

Fred C. Claus

TRENTON

Alex Cohen
Mr. Bedwell vacationing in Florida... Mr. Giffin attending the Association of Highway Officials of North Atlantic States Conference at Pennsylvania Hotel, N.Y.C. ... Mary Mangine (nee Filipponi) returning from her two weeks honeymoon with that certain look in her eyes. Seen in attendance at Mary's wedding reception were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Claus, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cohen, Lorraine Finkle and the future 'Mr.' Edith Toth, and Ann Specior and hubby... Jim Malloy becoming a proud papa for the fourth time... Harry Fowler also vacationing in the State famous for its Hialeah race track and rose colored flamingo.

E. J. Davison of Harry Robbins' office became a grandfather for the second time on March 6th, when his daughter, Mrs. Janet Hyatt, gave birth to a 7-lb. girl.

NEWARK

Ralph Perry
Howard Rigby, formerly Assistant District Engineer, Survey and Plans, in charge of Montclair Office, is now back with the Newark Office, giving a hand to the more intriguing design problems.

Otto Fritzsche, formerly acting Traffic Engineer in Mr. Bellis' absence, still has office space in the Newark Office, Survey and Plans.

William Hasburg has again gone South to spend a month in Florida—some people save their money, while others enjoy it.

Charles Stenson is back in civies again with the survey party! How do you find the work—"boring"?

Bill Bloss and Henry Meyer, recently discharged from the Army, never realized that houses were so scarce.

William Kaufman, another recent dischargee, is again surveying for the Newark Office.

Jim J. Parker, Lieutenant, J. G., with the Sea Bees until discharged recently, is now working with a survey crew.

Fred J. Speth, formerly in the E.T.O. with the Army, is now working with the New Office, Survey and Plans, doing field work.

WOODYLYNNE

Bill Hurley
Another veteran has returned to the Woodylynn office—Sgt. Major James R. Flynn is back to work after serving in the E.T.O. and boasts a record of about 5 years in the U. S. Army.

Jim was always a close second

to Willis Osborn at griping, but with 5 years in the Army, Ossie had better look to his laurels.

We welcome George Digby as a new man in our office. George, a former Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, served on a sub-chaser in the Atlantic and Pacific. He likes plenty of action and I believe he has come to the right place. There is not much slack time in the Woodylynn office.

We are glad to see John Gerecke back to work after illness confined him to his home for a week. John's part in the noontime arguments sort of lends dignity to the discussions.

We welcome two new men to the Woodylynn office. They are Joseph Philpot, a Junior Highway Engineer of Thoroughfare, an ex-Lieut. of the U. S. Army, and Howard L. Morrissey, an Engineering Aid from Clementon, an ex-Sgt. of the U. S. Army.

Walt Reeves and Sam Johnson, two top men in the Tall Story Club, have returned to work after spending several weeks in Florida.

Work piled up on Earl Hagy's table due to several week's illness at home, but he is back and wading right through it again.

MONTCLAIR

David Pettigrew

We wish to welcome back to the fold Capt. Archie VanBlarcom—Van has been in the army service for the past three years and nine months, being connected with the U. S. Army Engineers on the construction of Camp Kilmer, Bayonne Port of Embarkation and other engineering projects.

Signs of Spring at Montclair: The general house-cleaning project is now history and the office is spic-and-span. The boys showed how well they have been trained at home and pitched in with a will... The poet laureate has been sprouting hair on his upper lip. It is rumored that Clark Gable had better look to his laurels... The Squires of Pompton Plains have their seed catalogues out and the fertilizer is now being spread. While on the subject, we are all wondering how chicken feathers get in gas tanks... Our own Ray Callahan is looking for a farm so that he can raise his own beans and onions... The two experts Tom and Pete, are looking over some cattle with the prospects in view of going in the milk business when they retire... We are wondering if signs of Spring brought out Herbie's new bonnet, or is it because he has graduated to riding in a softer seated car.

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THE SUGGESTION BOX

"YOU'LL NEVER STUB YOUR TOE STANDING STILL," says Charles E. Kettering one of America's leading inventors. "The faster you go, the more possibility there is of stubbing your toe—but the more probability there is of your getting somewhere."

BY THE SAME TOKEN the more suggestions you turn in, the greater possibility there is of having some rejected. On the other hand, the chances are you'll have more accepted.

"I HAVE THOUGHT OF A BETTER WAY" is the magic phrase that introduces many a new idea. Let me give you a few hints on how to locate these ideas.

MANY PEOPLE ASSUME that only new organizations offer a fertile field for new ideas and suggestions for improvement. This is entirely erroneous. In some organizations the suggestion plan has been in effect more than forty years. The sources of suggestions know no boundaries.

IDEAS ARE AVAILABLE right alongside of you,—at your desk, your table, your bench, your machine, your equipment. You know better than anyone else the conditions under which you work and the factors involved in your job.

CAN YOU IMPROVE any phase of your present design or construction procedure? Have you thought about the hundreds of problems wrapped up in the words, parkways, landscaping, maintenance, snow removal, equipment, pur-

chase and stores, testing, lighting, markers, public relations? They are all amenable to improvement. Basically, anything we can do can be improved.

CAN YOU SAVE LIVES? Can you lessen accidents in the shop or fields? Can you operate any part of your vast equipment more economically? Can you eliminate a "bottleneck"? Can you do it

better, quicker, at less cost? Can you simplify it or standardize it?

"THERE IS ALWAYS A BETTER WAY," is a slogan well worth keeping forever in mind. Many accepted suggestions are in effect in the Highway Department, and offer testimony to your progressive thinking, and the fact that THERE IS ALWAYS A BETTER WAY. Send in another.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

A. J. LICHTENBERG

R. E. Armstrong, formerly Bridge Construction Inspector, is proud of his son, Corporal Raymond E. Armstrong, who served with Patton's Army in France and Germany and received the Presidential Citation for the single handed capture of seven Germans.

"Army" Sr. has an enviable record of 18 months overseas with the Military Welfare Service of the American National Red Cross. He went in with the April 1 assault wave at Okinawa and ran a canteen on the battle front, incidentally supervising the distribution of 130 tons of supplies. Later he conducted Red Cross activities for 25000 prisoners of war from Japan, Korea and China and after the end of hostilities worked with the Jap Red Cross in relocating thousands of displaced civilians. "Army" chuckles when he thinks of what might have happened if the invasion of Japan was carried out for he was assigned to the 104th Engineers, his old outfit, for that operation. Right now he is a civilian again and assisting with the current National Red Cross drive.

BRIEFS: 'Tis rumored that Dave Lawshe is forsaking Florida for the Garden State real soon... W. H. Spencer a full fledged Justice of the Peace... Jack Evans back in the fold and so much better after his recent hospitalization... L. C. Petersen's Pensacola tan getting lighter and lighter... Commander W. F. Hunter heading for Philadelphia and a check up early in May preliminary to a return to civilian status... Jim Whitehead assigned to Route 25, Camden job... Frank S. Wilson, an interested visitor at the Robert Treat...

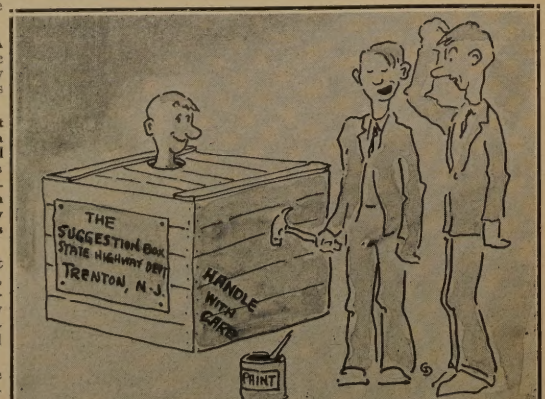
Two delegates to a recent convention slipped from their wives long enough for a quiet little dinner. The meal finished, the waiter asked:

"Shall I get you a couple of demitasses?"

"Gosh, no!" replied one. "Our wives might come in any moment!"

Seen at the Bridge Division Annual in Newark: Field men J. Krieg, J. J. Koffler, H. R. Gabriel, Albert Lee, Patrick McCullough, C. Spence, J. Whitehead, Bob Hutchinson, Gus Ehlers, T. Amabile, Ken Yates, J. J. Sheenan, Sam Rankin and Chester Appleton.

This month marks the second anniversary of the retirement of Clinton S. Bissell and Alvah J. Hall and the dinner given to mark the occasion. March is also "Skipper's" birth month and so to him greetings from all of us. We cherish many fond memories of "Skipper" and "Alvah."



"HE'S GOT A SUGGESTION HE CAN'T PUT ON PAPER"

Your M. C. presents— THE LADIES... Bless Them

On the streets of New York, flower vendors have begun to display their violets, extending the fragrant bouquets to passers-by... in the suburbs, daffodils and crocuses lift their heads from their winter sleep... and all over, young men "say it with flowers".... so Spring arrives. Note: **Dorothy Hunt**, of Mr. Hurley's office, wears gardenias one day and carnations the next.

Ruth Barbour, the recipient of our best wishes (which incidentally never reached print) upon her engagement to **Kenneth Hill**, surprised us with the news of her recent marriage in New York State. Mr. Hill, now on his way to Minnesota, will be joined by Ruth in the near future, where they plan to make their home.

Betty Levie, of the Compensation and Claims office, was a mid-winter vacationer in "Them-Thar Hills" in Bluefield, West Virginia. Upon returning to civilization, Miss Levie reports a most enjoyable time was had.

Our bride of the month, **Mary Filippini**, was married at St. Joachim's in sequin-trimmed, brocaded satin, attended by her bridesmaids "gowned" in pale rose and lavender. Following a reception at the Sportsmen Club was a honeymoon in New York and Mary's return to Mr. Giffin's office as Mrs. Joseph Mangine. Mary proved herself more than photogenic in the series of pictures bound in an "Our Wedding" album. Many, many years of happiness!

Our sincere sympathies are extended to **Agnes St. John** of the Legal Division on the recent loss of her sister.

With the opening of new Southern Construction Division offices in Camden, **Ethel Weiss**, also a native of Camden, received the assignment of secretary to Mr. J. A. Williams. Ethel was formerly with Mr. Robbins of the central office.

"Diary of the B.G.s" in last month's column precipitated a flood of inquiries. It seems the abbreviation was not clear to many of our readers—particularly the males who, understandably enough, do not follow fashion magazines. Of the tentative definitions, "beautiful gams" and "busted girdles" were two gems of mistaken identity. "B.G." we are sorry to say, is nothing more than abbreviated form of such a prosaic thing as "business girl."

'Bye now...

BRIDGE DINNER

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than in the past fulfill aesthetic requirements." Further emphasis was placed upon the need of incorporating into new highways every conceivable feature of safety engineering as an obligation to the motoring public.

It was further stated by Commissioner Miller that Governor Edge has indicated complete approval of the highway program which will require the wholehearted cooperation of all.

Mr. Eugene V. Connett, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, the third guest of honor, succeeded in convincing the committee that he was not available as a speaker.

Following the speakers, the evening was turned over to a splendid program of entertainment which included acts of many types which had been arranged by a committee headed by Wilber H. Spencer, assisted by John Patrick, Jack Koffler, Paul Gabrenas and Bob Simon. Not only did this group provide for the entertainment, but made arrangements for the steak dinner with which the evening got under way.

As a remembrance of the occasion, everyone present received a souvenir program. This little

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

—JAMES O'ROURKE—

Good news was received by **Pat Rimo** on Sunday, Feb. 17th in the way of a telegram from his son, **Sergeant John Rimo**, saying that he landed in Frisco on his way home. He has since received his discharge and is now at home. He was a member of the crew of the famous plane "Jersey Bounce" that dropped food and supplies to American fliers liberated from Japanese camps in North China.

Joe Carr received his honorable discharge from the Army on Feb. 14th and after a short vacation expects to return to his duties once again as an Equipment Operator. Joe is the last of the Equipment Division employees to return from military service.

Tim Brennan taking exception to the remark in the last issue of THE HIGHWAY that he was getting old, promptly convinced the boys that some were mistaken. In one of the recent league bowling matches, Tim turned in a score of 258 for one game, which at present writing is individual high for the season. Not satisfied with this, Tim came back a week later with a 3-game total of 631, the league high for the year.

Happy Birthday was sung to **Jack Whitlock** who reached the half milestone mark on Feb. 19th. To celebrate the occasion, a group of Equipment Operators furnished the birthday cake and trimmings. Unlike the ladies, Jack admits his years, twenty-six of which have been spent in Highway service.

Jim Collins of the Merchantville Garage played the role of Good Samaritan recently when **Cliff Rodgers** of the Maintenance Division required a blood transfusion at Cooper Hospital in Camden. Jim volunteered and, his blood being the required type, submitted to the transfusion, after which the nurse led him to an ante-room to rest a while. In about five minutes, Jim decided that he had regained his normal strength, dressed and started to leave the Hospital. When Jim hit the air, everything went black and he collapsed. A passerby called the attention of the hospital orderlies, who came out with a stretcher and hustled Jim back into the hospital. After sufficient rest, plus a little liquid refreshment, he responded very nicely to treatment. The boys of Merchantville and Camden areas have nicknamed him "Blood and Guts Collins."

Another one to feel the housing shortage is **Russ Cook**, who received the bad news recently. Finding no empty homes, Russ is now deep in plans for a new home he expects to get started on very shortly.

Automobile thieves stripped the car of **Jim Flavin** shortly after he moved into his newly purchased home, possession of which took 9 months to acquire. Jim is now wondering if his old tenant pulled a job on him or whether it was just his initiation into the neighborhood.

The spring weather that we have been enjoying has acted as a tonic for the boys of the Projects Division who have been busily engaged taking inventory of the various parts in the Fernwood Stockroom. The gang includes **Pete Tuozzolo**, **Al Young**, **Jack Sullivan**, **Walter Hall**, **Clarence Chumar**, **Walt Ben**, **Ben Reissner**, **Charles McDewitt**, **Percy Boughton** and **Al Lee**. Now that the inventory is nearing completion and the robins are making their appearance, the boys are longing for the good outdoors once again.

booklet was gotten together by **A. J. Lichtenberg**, **J. F. Evans** and **W. H. Spencer**, and featured photographic silhouettes of the members of the Bridge Division, as well as a list of all officers, committees, and the menu.

In addition to Mr. Hedin, the officers of the club include: **P. J. McCullough**, 1st vice pres.; **G. A. Hefferman**, 2nd vice pres.; **J. F. Evans**, Jr., secretary; **R. E. Simon**, treasurer; **Paul Gabrenas**, asst. treasurer.

Sylvia Lefkowitz

Sylvia Lefkowitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lefkowitz of Trenton, died on February 10th in the Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia following a prolonged illness.

Sylvia came with the State Highway Department in July, 1929, as a clerk-stenographer. This was shortly after the Department moved into its present offices. During the intervening years it was her happy faculty to inspire a warm friendship with all with whom she came in contact.

Her passing will leave a void in the Real Estate division where she spent her entire sixteen years' employment and also be long regretted by her host of friends throughout the Department. THE HIGHWAY extends deep sympathy to those who survive her.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

— I. J. Friedman —

Welcome Home to **Arthur Royson** and **John Snyder**, of the Electrical Construction Forces, and **Charles Rogers**, one of our Bridge Attendants. "Buddy" Royson was with the 54th Airborne Signal Battalion. John Snyder did some nice "hush hush" work with the Air Corps on very secret equipment. Rogers, who was attached to the 8th Air Force, has a European war bride whom he expects to bring over sometime in April. These men now join the ranks with lots to tell, and we enjoy the tales that are told.

On the sick list—**Thomas McShane**, **James O'Keefe**, **Herman Schelter** and **Gus Ely**. Doing well after their operations are **Hank Johnson**, now recuperating, and **Charles Simonton**, who has returned to duty.

Frank Walling, Bridge Operator on the Cheesapeake Creek Bridge, has his early vacation request in again so that he can get in that spring shad fishing. Frank is still one of the top shad men even though he has reached the prime age of 82.

John Kilpatrick, our tax expert, had nearly as much trouble with his income tax return as **Frank Wood** did. "Woodie" is keeping track of his aspirin account. Yes, it's a legitimate deduction, in 1947.

Major Hays is back again with more of those "Silver cartwheels" from the West.

Al Wright still worries about Mrs. Al, Junior. The wee morning hours when she arrived from England, Al was up all night. Talked himself too hoarse to come to work the next morning. Now he is planning radio bookings for her. Wonder what Al, Junior, thinks of it all?

We hope **Mike Scarpon's** mother, who is pretty low, takes a turn for the better.

The entire Electrical Division extends its condolences to **Oliver Schafer** upon the loss of his mother, and to **William Such** upon the loss of his wife.

In our "Do Something for Our Community" corner — **Joe Hunt** doing a swell job as chairman of the Zoning Commission in Bordentown Township. The neighbors and taxpayers from **George Goldy's** section of Hamilton Township speak highly of the way he handled their petition for additional municipal services.

That new smile on **Bridge Mechanic Frank Force's** countenance is not due to a raise—just those new store teeth.

Russ Henry reports that Attendant **George Sicieluk** on the Hudson and Manhattan Bridge is an expert grafter—(of trees), with good results.

The nylon situation is a daily subject in the Trenton office. In view of the rodent activity of recent weeks, **Dorothy Hudak** has been designated as the Keeper of the Mousetraps at 148 West State Street.

MAINTENANCE NOTES

— GENE BECKNER —

Several more veterans returned to the hourly payroll of this Division during the past month. Among those who have returned to work or who have indicated their intention of returning are **Harold Walters**, of Belmar; **Anthony Buono**, of Long Branch; **Warren Miller**, of West Englewood; **Wesley Misner**, of Morris Plains; and **Warren Eltonhead**, **Albert Yates** and **Anthony Pasquito**, all of Trenton. A casual check reveals that about thirty-four more men, formerly on our hourly payroll, still remain in the service.

With the return to duty of **Landscape Foreman Jack Lloyd**, the only member of the Maintenance Division's supervisory forces not yet back on the job is **Foreman Ernest Ireland**, of Lambertville. Ernie, too, is out of the service on terminal leave and at last report was enjoying a much deserved rest in Florida. He is expected to resume work on his return from the south.

We are glad to be able to report that **Fred Woodruff**, Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance, who was stricken ill with pneumonia on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th, has made a good recovery and is now up and around at home. We know that "Woody's" host of friends throughout the Department and elsewhere join with us in wishing him well. Here's hoping that he will be back at his desk soon.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Winfield Myers**, of Camden, employed in Landscape Foreman **John Grant's** forces, whose wife passed away Friday, February 8th.

Supervisor Bill Hunt has returned to work following a Florida vacation spent in the vicinity of Clearwater and Orlando.

Congratulation are in order for **Foreman Larry Zazzo**. A 6½ pound baby boy, christened **Larry Jr.**, arrived at the St. Francis Hospital, Trenton, on Monday, March 11th. Both baby and mother are doing nicely, and Larry reports that he believes the youngster will bat from the port side of home plate.

Alvin Koenig, of **Foreman L. C. Ely's** maintenance crew operating

out of Netcong, has returned to work following an illness which had sidelined him since the first of the year.

It was with regret that we learned of the death of **Barney Higgins'** brother early in February and also of **Jules Trotsch's** father later that same month. To each of them we extend our sincere sympathy.

Another Florida vacationer is **Foreman Earl Buckalew**, of Hamilton Square. Assistant **Foreman Elwell Clugston**, who returned from military service last November, has been pinch-hitting for "Buck" during his absence.

A sure sign that good weather is just around the corner has been evidenced lately by the appearance in the Trenton Office of our field supervisors **Low Klockner**, **Arthur McManus**, **John Kelly**, **John T. Carr**, Sr. and **Bill Hunt**. With Materials Supervisor **Ken Craft** and Supervisor **John Stanley**, they have been engaged in their annual chore of determining maintenance requirements for the various sections of the State Highway System. Supervisor Stanley has been subbing for **Fred Woodruff**, whose illness has prevented him from participating in the preparation of these estimates for the first time, we'll bet, in more years than "Woody" cares to remember.

Bill Morton, of Neptune, who works for **Foreman John Rankin**, is still convalescing from an attack of pneumonia early in January. We hope he will be able to return to work soon.

Larry Zazzo has been substituting for **Foreman Fred Yannut** down Hightstown way. The snow storm which occurred on February 16, 1946, developed some interesting facts in regard to Fred and several of his veteran employees. According to reliable authority, this snow of February 19th marked the first snow call in 26 years that Fred was unable to respond to. Two other veteran employees in this crew, **John Davis**, of Englishtown, and **John Zerwick**, of Hightstown, are alleged to have never missed a snow call in their 22 years of employment. This is a splendid record of which these men may take justifiable pride.

LABORATORY LINES

— Norm Schaller —

Hap Manning has returned to the office after vacationing, sporting a beautiful tan and a few extra pounds. Hap tells of shooting an 85 at golf while he was away. Oh, well!!!

Alice Mayer has also just returned after spending two months with her parents in Florida. Lest you grow too envious of Alice's long vacation, let us hasten to add that it was the result of M. D.'s orders.

Two new names have been added to the Laboratory personnel. They are **Commodore Clendenin** and **Harry Thompson**. Commodore, who has been employed as a Laboratory Assistant, is a veteran of both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of war. Harry, who is employed as an Asphalt Plant Inspector, was a B-17 pilot attached to the Air Transport Command and ferried these huge ships from the U. S. to the European theater of war.

The **Fred H. Baumann** home is a complete and happy one these days. On Friday afternoon, March 8, Fred's son **Roy** arrived in Trenton after spending well over a year as a fighter pilot in Europe.

Joe McGrath was all puffed up with pride recently as he displayed a number of blue ribbons which were won by his daughter's **Papillons** at the recent dog show held at Madison Square Garden. Joe and his daughter **Jean**, are real lovers of these butterfly dogs, which are members of one of the few French breeds, and they can be justly proud of the Saint Jean Kennel.

LAND and LEGAL

— ED DRAKE —

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Agnes St. John** upon the loss of her sister, **Elizabeth**, who recently passed away after a lengthy illness.

Russ Johnson and his wife had an agreeable surprise on Sunday, March 3rd, when they were greeted by the telephone operator saying "London calling." Their son, **Bill**, was on the line to say "Hello" and inform them that he had arrived safely and expected to proceed to France, Germany and the Mediterranean. Billy enlisted eighteen months ago and is a Quartermaster on the U. S. Cone.

Miriam Devlin, of the Legal Staff, has recently returned from Florida with a beautiful coat of tan and much enthusiasm.

Two of **Layton Prout's** sons, **Harold** and **Gordon**, are taking engineering courses at Rutgers University. Both of the boys were formerly in the Air Force and prisoners of war in Germany. Both are married and their wives are employed in college administrative offices.

Kirk Schanck recently purchased a new home and now that the gardening season is about to open he is receiving some expert advice from seasoned farmers such as **Sams**, **Rebecke**, **Johnson**, **Rogers**, **Skillman**, **Kirk**, **Lister** and **Drake**. With such advice, he should have a very successful season. Kirk is also the proud possessor of a brand new Dodge. If you want to know how it's done, he placed his order six months ago.

Ten Year Club Names Mountainside As Location of Spring Dinner

Plan "Sports Night" As Variety Entertainment

Resuming its pre-war practice of alternating the Spring meeting between North and South Jersey, the Ten Year Club has scheduled the 1946 affair for Tuesday, April 23rd, at the Mountainside Inn, along Route 29 in Mountainside, Somerset County.

The Entertainment Committee, headed by Flavin Ireton of the Real Estate Division, announces that arrangements have been completed for serving a full course broiled chicken dinner.

In addition to this attractive feature, plans call for taking full advantage of the facilities afforded by this location by arranging a "Sports Night" which will include bowling throughout the evening for which prizes will be given. In case you are not a good bowler, you will be glad to know that prizes will be awarded for both the high and low games rolled.

In addition to the bowling prizes for these types of scores, there will be several "blind prizes" awarded to those who roll a game nearest to certain scores which the committee has previously decided upon.

The sports feature of the evening does not stop at this point, however, for plans include an interesting talk on sports by Fulton Arnold, sportscaster for radio station WTTM of Trenton, an affiliate of the National Broadcasting Company. Mr. Arnold's long experience in a variety of sports qualifies him as an expert whose remarks will prove both interesting and highly entertaining.

Following Mr. Arnold's part of the program, there will be a motion picture showing of the 1945 World's Series between the Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers. This outstanding film was obtained through the courtesy of the Philadelphia American League Baseball Club, managed by the famous Connie Mack.

For those who would rather not drive to Mountainside on the evening of April 23rd, bus accommodations will be provided. Present arrangements call for the bus to leave the State House Annex at about 4:30 p. m. Should you desire to travel in this manner, it is necessary that you notify Harold Jemison. He can be reached at Trenton, 2-2131, Extension 229.

Tickets for this dinner are being distributed under the direction of Clyde W. Case, and are now available from your regular contact man or through the following members of the Entertainment Committee: Flavin A. Ireton, chairman; Harold Jemison, Administration; Kenneth B. Craft, Maintenance; James J. Malloy, Survey and Plans; Arthur Hancock, Construction; John Patrick, Bridge; Clarence Scales, Equipment; Michael Lesnak, Equipment; Kirk Schanck, Title Bureau; Edward Baumann, Laboratory; Russell Henry, Maintenance; and William Carnival, Projects.

Since this is the first time the Ten Year Club has traveled north in several years, it is expected that a good turnout will be on hand, especially from the North Jersey members, who in a sense will be the hosts of the evening.

Those who recall previous affairs which have been held in the Mountainside Inn will recall that it offers splendid facilities for having a swell time. With the cooperation of outstanding officers, headed by Gene Beckner of the Maintenance Division, and an enthusiastic entertainment committee, this year's affair should set a new high for Spring dinners.

Remember the date, Tuesday Evening, April 23rd!

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Equipment Leads 2nd Half Race

Electrical Division and Guards Push Leaders

With the second-half of the Highway Bowling League approaching its final stages, the Equipment Division Team holds a three game advantage over the Electrical Division Club, its nearest competitor. The standing, including games played as of Friday, March 8th, follows:

	Won	Lost
Equipment	23	13
Electrical	20	16
Fernwood Guards	19	17
Maintenance Painters	19	17
Administration	18	18
Machine Shop	17	19
Fernwood Office	16	20
Inspection	12	24

The bowlers with the highest ten averages are:

1. Tim Brennan (Equip.)	170
2. Pete Tuozzolo (Admin.)	169
3. Chris Kucker (M.S.)	169
4. Mark Stevens (Equip.)	167
5. J. Washburn (Guards)	162
6. Ed. MacCabe (Equip.)	161
7. John Radice (Elec.)	161
8. Dick Sullivan (Guards)	160
9. Frank Matzer (Admin.)	158
10. Frank Dunn (Admin.)	157
11. O. Brachel (Equip.)	157

Tim Brennan and the Equipment Division hold practically all individual and team honors to date. In addition to boasting of the highest average, Tim holds the record for the highest single game, 258; the highest total for three games, 630; and the Equipment Team has the records of 937 and 2652 for the highest team single game and three games respectively. Only two more nights of bowling remain preliminary to the play-offs, which at this writing appears to be between the Electrical Division, winners of the first-half, and the Equipment Team, probable winners of the second half.

Dogwoods Bloom At Flower Show

Season Advanced at State Hospital Green House

The State Highway Department cooperated with the Garden Club of New Jersey in preparing an exhibit for the recent New York Flower Show. The theme for the exhibit was our Blue Star Drive, a section of Route 29 between North Plainfield and Mountainside which has been set aside as a memorial to New Jersey's men and women who served in the recent war.

In keeping with the motif of this memorial drive, the exhibit utilized flowering dogwood as a decorative feature. This presented quite a problem inasmuch as the season was not far enough advanced for this type of tree to have naturally broken into flower.

This difficulty was overcome by digging and balling many of these trees and placing them in the greenhouse of the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton. Here, under skilled supervision, and proper humidity and temperature control, they burst into bloom many weeks ahead of the regular season. This work was carried on under the direction of Robert S. Green, Landscape Supervisor.

A trip to this section of Route 29 should be worthwhile this spring, for a large number of the 1900 dogwood trees already planted along the highway will soon be in bloom. It is planned to plant an additional 6,000 dogwood trees along the Blue Star Drive this year.

Kilpatrick Acting As Construction Engineer

During the absence of Construction Engineer Frank C. Bedwell, who is vacationing in Florida, Commissioner Miller has directed that the duties of that office be taken over by Edward W. Kilpatrick, Assistant State Highway Engineer.

Mr. Bedwell is at present enjoying the semi-tropical climate of Fort Lauderdale in the company of Mrs. Bedwell. He expects to return to his office in the State House Annex on April 1.

Administration Division

Arthur Egan

Bill Ward is again on the sick list. After much consultation, the doctors have finally traced the cause of his illness and expect him to completely recover. It is good to know that the trouble has been located and that he will soon be as well as ever. During the war Bill was one of the generous boys with his blood hitting the Blood Bank no less than eleven times.

After several attempts to secure reservations on the Florida trains, Mildred Friedman was finally successful and is spending her vacation in the sunshine at Miami.

Two of the latest Administration boys to be separated from the Army are Sgt. Kermit Bonner and Staff Sgt. Frank Suchocki. Bonner served in the European War. Suchocki was with the fellows on Saipan. All the boys from the Administration Division, I believe, with the exception of Bill Keeney, Tom Harcar and Sol Bonfanti, have now returned. No further word has been heard from Bonfanti. Also still in the service is Wave Mary Richter, who is the only female to join the colors from the Highway Department.

An early morning hit and run driver damaged Mary Cunningham's car while it was parked in front of her home. Her car was severely damaged by the collision. No trace of the driver was found. Luckily for Mary her two brothers just released from the service are mechanically minded and were able to secure parts necessary to put the car in operating condition again.

Ruth Barbour, of Bill Wildblood's staff, is receiving well wishes upon her recent marriage to Captain Kenneth Hill. We add the best of luck from the Administration Division.

Bill Wildblood became a grandfather for the first time when on March 14th his daughter Mrs. Harold E. Whiteley gave birth to an 8½ lb. boy. The other grandfather in this instance was Cliff Whiteley, who for many years was with our Projects Division. Congratulations, all around.

Something new has been added. To meet the increased demand for model-making in connection with the accelerated Parkway and Freeway Program, Theodore Spaw, Jr., has joined the forces of the Highway Department and will devote his entire energies to producing scale models of various knotty problems. During the war, Ted performed this same service for the Navy, although a member of the U. S. Army. We extend a hearty welcome.

Chatter: Mr. and Mrs. Edward McElroy announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, whose marriage will take place in the near future... Josephine Cintas looking well again after being under the doctor's care for some time... John Egan attending the Fred Allen Broadcast to hear his favorite Senator Claghorn... Frank Lacomchick, tiring of searching for a house to rent, purchased one in Trenton. Frank is hoping that he will be lucky enough to get the tenants out so that he can move in within the next few months... Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crammer say bye bye to son Bob, who has returned to Camp Hood, Texas, where he is doing firing range plotting.

THE SMILE THAT FOLLOWS A GOOD MEAL



Smiles were the order of the evening when the above group faced the camera at the recent Bridge Division Club's Annual Dinner in Newark. Reading from the left they are: Morris Goodkind, Bridge Engineer, and one of the founders of the organization; Commander Charles M. Noble, State Highway Engineer, who was attending his first of these gala affairs; Wilber H. Spencer, the chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements; Jack Koffler, a former club president and the man in charge of ticket sales; Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., who made the principal address of the evening; and Sven I. Hedin, this year's president of the Bridge Division Club.

